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support the bill in that form. I did let Senator Redfield know, and some of you may have received calls too, but I got an inordinate number of calls for me on this bill from older people and some who are not older but who are single, who are objecting on principle, it must be, to shifting a tax burden in the way that the committee amendments would do. So without taking a long time this morning because the bill, itself, is not before us, I just want to make it clear that I cannot be counted as a yote in fayor of LB 277.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Redfield, you're recognized to close. Senator Redfield waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 277A. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 277A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 242 is a bill introduced by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no committee amendments. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wickersham, you are recognized to open on LB 242.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a bill that, for the most part, I have introduced...I think this is the fourth time. So, to give you all encouragement in case you have bills that you have to introduce more than once so that people begin to understand them, this is an example of that kind of a bill. I'm happy, obviously, that it is out of the Government Committee this year without amendments and that we have an opportunity to take it up this morning. There will be a couple of amendments. I think Senator Raikes has filed an amendment that deals with a subject matter that came up in a